

The Steppes Letter

May 2017



Words from the Baroness



Greetings!

We hope you have had a wonderful month! There have been so many things going on in the Barony. It was great to see so many people at Coronation, Glaslyn Defender of the Flame, Elfsea Defender and Populace in the Park. Thank you for coming

Speaking of Glaslyn Defender- it was a wonderful event from start to finish! We are so honored to have the following people represent the Canton of Glaslyn this year.

Chivalric Defender- Airaklee Wolf
Rapier Defender- Edward of the Forest
Archery Defender- Ekaterina Iadorovna Kharlampieva
Best Monkey- Cecil Loup d'Argent
Brewing- Gundtbranr
Bardic-Delilah Alanis

Before we know it, Steppes Warlord will be here. It looks to be a fantastic event with something for everyone. But remember a large event like this takes everyone to make it happen, this year more than ever we need your help. So please volunteer and volunteer often.

Don't forget this month's Populace event will be Dinner on Wednesday May 24 th at Springcreek BBQ 12835 Preston Rd, Dallas. We hope to have a great large crowd, so come join us!

We are pleased to accept the bid of Her Excellency Baroness Katya for Steppes Artisan 2017 and are requesting bids for Steppes 12 th Night, Warlord 2018 and Artisan 2018. It is our hope to select the 2018 bid for Artisan to be announced at this year's Artisan.

See you soon and often!

Peter and Sarah



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Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

We have had many exciting things take place in April, and it looks as if May will bring many more.

For starters, thank you to the brave gentles who defended our Canton well. They bravely fended off the monkey horde for yet another year. The monkeys fought well and entertained the Ladies of Glaslyn beyond delight. I know that Glaslyn is proud of its new champions.

Steppes Warlord is coming along (May 26-28). It will be here before we know it. There are plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained. I believe we will be graced by Their Majesties Ansteorra. I know that we can show them how Mighty the Steppes can be!

We have an A&S solar with classes, brewing competition, Chivalry competition, Bardic Competition, Archery competition, Cut & Thrust competition, Youth fighting, Youth Classes, Hafla and I am sure much, much more. This year marks the 30 th Anniversary of the Rapier Championship. Come out and stab your friends as you vie to be the 30th champion of the Mighty Barony of the Steppes at this historic occasion.

Much help is still needed with gate shifts, set-up, teardown and the Hafla. Contact Duke Hrafin if you can help in any small way. Many hands make for light work and more time playing with our friends.

Please remember that we have shortened the event to end on Sunday again this year. We hope this will allow all to spend time honoring those who have served this country and their family.

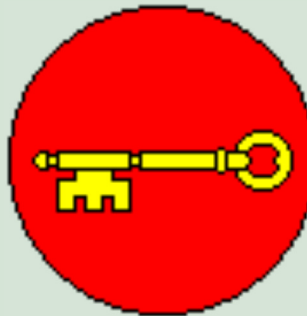
In closing, it is getting warmer. Everyone needs to stay hydrated and watch your sugar levels. It's too easy to get wrapped up in the fun and forget about taking care of ourselves. This starts before you get to the event as well. Stay safe out there, the goal is to grow the Oakwood!

We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are a Barony,
We are Family,
WE ARE STEPPES!



Seneschal

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

We are ramping up preparations for Warlord and King's College, which is exciting! With some of the deposits we made, our bank account at the end of March was \$16,385.61. Other than that, things are going well; remember if you have any questions regarding the budget or financial policy, please feel free to ask.

Cristiana d'Avranches



Exchequer

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Greetings to The Steppes,

You have all heard the call, which originated with the Crown and has been echoed (loudly, at times) by Baron Peter Rhys Connor to fight on both fields of battle. I have been pleased to see more cross-over fighters at recent practices. While a few have been rapier fighters who have tried their hands at chiv, most have been heavy fighters who have come to fight or learn the art of the rapier.

So, what are you doing on Tuesday nights? Do you want to learn to fight, either rapier or armoured? Come out and hone your skills or learn the basics. Don't want to fight but want to show your baronial spirit? Come out and encourage your Steppes fighters.

So, you would come, but Tuesdays are prime nights for you to get work done on your craft projects? Bring your sewing or your inkle loom or whatever you're working on and show your support for your barony with your presence.

We have a lot of free space and tables available to us. I hope Their Excellencies, Sarah & Peter, will forgive me for inviting you without prior approval, but I see no reason why we can't get together for Baronial Fellowship even if it isn't an official Populace event. Why don't we make this an un-official Populace Event?

Rapier Specifics:

Whether you've never held a rapier or you're an advanced fighter, this practice is for you. Our instructors are second to none, combining drills with sparring to insure a fun and productive practice.

Loaner gear is available for new people. (Guys will need to provide their own athletic protector.)

Find out more by joining the Steppes Rapier Practice FB group or by contacting me. (214) 773-5415

Find us at T.C. Marsh Middle School located at 3838 Crown Shore Dr., Dallas, TX 75244 almost every Tuesday evening at 7:00. Park in the lot on Cox Lane and come in to the cafeteria.

In service,
Lord William Swindell
Steppes Rapier Marshal



Rapier Marshal

Lord William Swindell

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

I know there are some, perhaps many of you, that have names or devices you wish to submit. Each submission will require a check for \$8 to the Barony, and in turn the Barony will write a check for \$7 to the Kingdom. If you do not see me at an event to submit your paperwork and check, you can contact me by email at herald@steppes.ansteorra.org and I will give you instructions for sending everything to me by mail. Or if you prefer, you can also meet me at the monthly business meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you need help with a name or device please send me an email and I will do my best to help you, or put you in touch with someone that has the knowledge to do so.

In service

Lord Dragos



Herald

Lord Dragos

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Hello!

Heavy fighter practice is undergoing an overhaul! For now the Wednesday practice has moved day and location. We will now be practicing in the girl's gym at Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to about 9pm. Address: 3838 Crown Shore Dr. Dallas, TX 75244. We will be sharing the location with the rapier fighter practice, so there should always be someone on site each week, even if you have to accept the challenge of One Star! One Army! and pick up a rapier to get a practice in!

Sunday practices at Carrollton have been suspended for the time being, until we can garner interest there or elsewhere. There are talks about joining practices with archery in Mesquite, at least sometimes if not consistently. Let the B&B, Creighton Bak, or myself know if you have any thoughts about the direction our weekend practice should head



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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

Again, a new issue of the newsletter is ready for your reading. Thanks to all who have submitted articles and pieces for publishing, it is always nice to see all the knowledge and memories from the barony. Keep them coming!

HL Aurelia will be in charge of June's newsletter, as I will be traveling for personal reasons. Please be kind to her and send your articles on time

To anyone who desires to publish in the newsletter, please send me your articles by the 20th of the month, and changes to current publications are due by the first.

In Service

Lady Safiya Spizega

Chronicler of the Steppes



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Greetings Steppes,

Many exciting things coming up in the Hospitaller's realm.

Notice to all members of the Steppes : consider all ya'll selves ambassadors for the barony!

A few newcomer contacts, mostly from Facebook. Please continue to tag me as you answer questions and welcome folks to our great barony. I am working on a newcomers class/introduction idea. Details will be shared soon. I think you are all going to like it and I'm counting on your help to make it work.

Demos! Last month we had a great demo at the Dallas Library with the Music Guild. New Demo: We have been invited by a local Girl Scout Troop to help with their summer evening camp the 3rd week of June. the theme is Medieval Maidens. Specifically on Friday evening, at a park in Richardson, they plan to wrap up their week with a medieval faire. They would like fighting demos and a couple of static table displays of arts and such. the older girls are tasked with interviewing an artist or craftsman - looking for a few volunteers there. Demos of spinning or weaving, music or other arts with question/answers time would be great. Time would be Friday evening from 6-8pm, set up before that. They do a sack lunch dinner at 6pm and we are welcome to do the same. They promise water and lots of shade. They would especially be thrilled to have music and see instruments. Wear your best! Please let me know if/how you would like to participate. My idea is to have our SCA/Barony info on a sheet of paper with a nine mens morris board printed on the back and we could demo the game with the take home board/info. There is also the opportunity to participate and share our passions on other evenings that week. Message me if you have availability and desire beyond Friday evening. Mostly I need fighters/marshals and displays people for Friday.

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



Hospitaller

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Good People of The Steppes,

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!! remember that we will be sharing practice twice a month with our youths under HL Alexandra, so be prepared for a lot of fun!.

Interim Archery Marshall
Duskin Mac Sneachda



Archery Marshal
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Greetings from the Office of Minister of Arts and Sciences!

I am Boyarynya Kiriena Pevtsova, your new MoAS and I am so glad to be here in this role. I am so thankful to Lady Johanna Jakobsdottir for all of her hard work in the last two years of her service to this Barony! What a large set of shoes to step into!
Music is my "thing"! I love to sing, and I love medieval and renaissance music!

My philosophy is this: There is nothing that we do in the SCA that doesn't fall under the umbrella of an Art and/or a Science.

There is so much going on in this Barony:

Our regular A&S night, the third Thursday of the month (Contact moas@steppes.ansteorra.org for further information)

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1333 Belt Line Rd, Garland, TX 75040 beginning at 7 pm
Scribal Arts on third Monday of the month (Contact Mistyhosey@gmail.com for further information)

Period Gamesters Guild on the fourth Monday of the month

Clothiers Guild on the first Tuesday of the month

Early Instrumental Music meets approximately once to twice a month (contact sea-fox@gypsyheir.com for further information)

In May, our A&S is going to be a project night - I have several sewing machines and will bring two of them - a light duty and a medium duty machine - as well as scissors, pins, thread etc - we all need to mend something or throw together a quick tunic or maybe work on that last bit of embroidery and/or trim for that court garb. Lady Johanna will be there also and I know that she is quite knowledgeable with "the sewing thing". The plan is to also have: A Scribal station for last minute scrolls for Warlord; An armor repair station so that everyone is ready for fighting; An archery station to repair arrows - If you have a jig, please bring it along; and a station to help out with children's activities; Perhaps even assistance with embroidery that still needs to be done!
Please bring your supplies with you

Warlord is coming up and I encourage everyone to spend time in Artisan's row, sharing your Art and/or Science passion with everyone else. Contact Lady Johanna Jakobsdottir via email at jenniebainter@msn.com or via FaceBook (Jennie Bainter)

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve this Barony that is in essence both my home and the place where I began. Thank you for the opportunity!

Boyarynya Kiriena Pevtsova
Minister of Arts and Sciences, Barony of the Steppes



**Minister of Arts and
Sciences**
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Words from our Officers

Hi Steppes,

The website is updated at the time I write this report. If you see no changes is due I am helping with the Warlord and the Kings College websites. This mean the pages at the Steppes website will be updated as well.

Finally, I want to invite you to help with the website. You may have noticed that on the news section the paragraphs start with a versal (AKA an ornate capital letter). We are missing some letters to have the complete alphabet, some of them are common letters which force me to get “creative” when redacting the news. You are more than welcome to help with the Webminister’s “Paint a Versal” campaign and save our barony of having versals painted by me (My arts teacher signed me for music classes, I am that bad).

Thank you!

Santiago el Rojo
Webminister of the Steppes



Webminister

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Greeting Steppes,

I am now an authorizing youth rapier marshal. (and still youth boffer authorizing marshal). As newcomers with kids join, we don't have to look outside our barony anymore to get them ready for tournaments!! Warlord is gonna rock!!! Stuff is going on that I will be able to let everyone know about soon! Big things for Youth Rapier and lots of fun for Youth Boffer at Warlord!! Help me spread the word! And recent donations of equipment means we have plenty and to spare. No one should not get to participate because obtaining equipment is an obstacle (and that goes for any kid, not just in our barony)!

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



Youth Combat Marshal
HL Alexandra Notte Clare

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal
Viscount Galen of Bristol

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Words from our Non-Guilds

Steppes Bowyer and Fletchers Guild

Greetings,

With war season starting up soon I felt we should begin with a combat archery preparedness workshop. Be prepared to bring your combat archery kit and let's make sure your kit is in good repair and working order. Nothing is worse for a combat archer discovering you have an equipment problem at command of "lay on"!

Even if you are not currently a combat archer there will be a lot to learn and much to do. So come join us for a fun evening of shared tasks and tales of glorious battles past and more yet to come as we inspect & repair our combat archery kits!

Hope you shall join us!

Regards,

HL William Black Dragon aka "Ironwyrn"

Steppes/Elfsea Music and Vocal non Guild

There are interesting things afoot. The Steppes Music Guild has established two working groups, the Instrumental Music group that meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2421 San Paula, Dallas 75228, starting at 2:00PM, and the Vocal Music Group that meets at Cedar Hill Methodist at 128 North Roberts in Cedar Hill on the second and fourth Sunday of the month also at 2:00PM. Both exclude meetings on major holidays, and will change meeting locations to Populace in the Park when applicable.

The Music Guild is looking into teaching some lessons and group sessions for those interested in acquiring the courtly grace of music, including instrumental and vocal performance and songwriting and basic musicianship. You don't have to be a highly trained singer or instrumentalist to join us, and we welcome all skill levels.

For more information about the guild as a whole contact Herr Marcus at seafox@gypsyheir.com or Master Llywelyn at todd@twmarsh.net. For information about the specific groups, Herr Marcus is the contact for the instrumental group, while Master Llywelyn runs the vocal group.

Musings from Malachi the Monk

Often times we are asked to tell a mundane about the SCA. We all, for the most part, give the same answer. "The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the recreation of the life of noble people from about 900bc to 1600 ad." We talk about the fighting, the A&S, and even about the safe family environment. What I never hear anyone say (and this is just me) is what they have seen. Well my friends, here is what I have seen in 15 years....

“I have seen children grow up.

I have seen adults grow up.

I have seen the sun rise, set, and rise again all in the same day.

I have seen a Baroness sit the thrown alone while her husband was away at war, and despite the stress and hardships of the job, she made it look easy.

I have seen armies clash for hours in the morning, and greet each other as friends in the evening.

I have seen a drunk sober up.

I have seen party animals grow past that and into respected peers.

I have seen a Rose bloom in the desert.

I have sworn an oath to king and crown.

I saw a man with no titles and a bad back and neck teach his craft to others.

I saw the same man befriend an out cast.

I have sat with, and dined in the presence of kings and had tea with a princess.

I have seen 12,000 people walk into the woods for 3 weeks, and leave no trace they were there.

I have known a man for 15 years. I call him brother. He watches my kids. I can't tell you his real name but I trust him with my life.

I watched a man fight for a championship, and bow out because his quest for honor was greater than his quest to reign.

I have seen a selfish man rededicate himself to the service of others.

I have seen a rose cut by a blade only to be pricked by her thorn for his trouble.

I have offended.

I have offered amends.

I have lost the dream and left. I have come back. The dream is I'm me now and for life. “

Mostly I have seen my life go by in a way that these words can not do justice to. Someone once asked me why I don't just quit. This is why. For better or worse, friend or foe, I love you for the magic of my life. This dream is bigger than one man. I am proud to serve it. Thanks for the last 15 years.

Da'ud Bob Movie Review



I'd actually been putting off reviewing this one for a while. I mean, really, even the poster for it was not attractive to me. The fact that it starred Christopher Lambert didn't help. (Don't get me wrong; Mr. Lambert has done a few films that I really liked. It's just that he's been in a lot more that were, to be blunt, pretty bad. So I already had my doubts about this one.) And the fact that one blurb touted it as a "sci-fi update of the famous 8th Century poem" was also, shall I say as charitably as I can, a bit off-putting. But our motto is, "We watch 'em so you don't have to," and I was thinking that I probably ought to get it watched and reviewed and over with and off my list and onto yours. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you 1999's *Beowulf*.

Starring, as noted above, Christopher Lambert in the title role as Beowulf,* Rhona Mitra as Kyra, Oliver Cotton as Hrothgar, Götz Otto as Roland, Vincent Hammond as Grendel, Charles Robinson as the Weapons Master, Brent Jefferson Lowe as the Assistant Weapons Master, Will, and Layla Roberts as Grendel's mother, the movie broadly follows the general outlines of the story of Beowulf and his fights against Grendel and Grendel's mother, but adds a number of layers to it that do not appear in the original. In this story, Beowulf is a wanderer who learns about a man-eating creature called Grendel which comes in the night to devour warriors trapped at the "Outpost." The Outpost is ruled by Hrothgar. He has a beautiful and strong daughter, whose husband may have been murdered by the Outpost's master of arms, Roland. There's more to it than that, of course, including the fact that Grendel refuses to fight Hrothgar directly for reasons that don't come out until later, and Beowulf's half-non-human origins.

Good points: The movie is only 95 minutes long. The camera work and cinematography is way above par for this sort of movie.

Bad points: It's a very long 95 minutes. Faceless, eyeless helmets. The giant straight razor guillotine. The ram's horned helm. Auto-reloading crossbow. The post-apocalyptic "Outpost," with movable tower parts and flames of no discernable purpose. The scriptwriting. The ladder elevator. Gas lamps. The costuming. The intercom, with speakers. Armor made from miscellaneous hunks of metal welded together to form a cuirass.

Six breasts. Four gallons of blood. 43 dead bodies. Crossbow fu. Flail fu. Sword fu. Spear fu. Spiked mace fu. Kung fu. Claw fu. Knife fu. Fire fu. Giant straight razor guillotine fu. Arm rolls. Beowulf rolls. Roland rolls. Gratuitous skull mask. Gratuitous dirt. Gratuitous cleavage. (No, really!) Gratuitous candles. Gratuitous succubus. Gratuitous crotch groping. Academy award nominations to Christopher Lambert as Beowulf for being better in this role than I was expecting; and to Götz Otto as Roland for "Fight well, or die badly." A 92 on the Vomit Meter. 1½ stars. Da'ud Bob says, "This isn't your grandfather's (or anybody else's, really) Beowulf. Check it out!"

* "Beowulf" is a kenning, "a conventional poetic phrase used for or in addition to the usual name of a person or thing, especially in Icelandic and Anglo-Saxon verse," for "bee wolf," or bear. Beowulf killed a b'ar when he was only three, a feat erroneously attributed by modern historians to a Davy Crockett.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice Glaslyn Business Meeting	2 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	3 Kyngescreeke Populace Meeting	4	5 Squires and Cadets	6 Squires and Cadets
7 Archery Practice Music Guild Meeting. Squires and Cadets	8 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	9 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	10	11 A&S Meeting	12 Queens Champion	13 Queens Champion
14 Vocal Music Meeting.	15 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	16 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	17	18 Business Meeting	19 Guardian of the Tor	20 Guardian of the Tor
21 Archery Practice Music Guild Meeting. Guardian of the Tor	22 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	23 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	24 Populace goes out	25 Scribal Meeting.	26 Steppes Warlord	27 Steppes Warlord
28 Vocal Music Meeting. Steppes Warlord	29 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	30 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	31	1	2	3

- ◆ **Sundays 2 PM—Archery Practice** at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, Mesquite 75149 (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- ◆ **Mondays 6:45 PM—Glaslyn Fighter Practice** at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Instrumental Music Guild Meeting** at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas (1st and 3rd)
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- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Tuesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Thursday 4, 7 PM—Kyngescreeke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library.
- ◆ **Thursday 11, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 18, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books.

- 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ Wednesday 24, **Populace goes out** at Spring Creek BBQ
 - ◆ **Thursday 25, 6:30 PM Scribes Guild Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
 - ◆ **05/05—05/07—Squires and Cadets** at Pedigo Park, 925 US-59, Livingston, TX 77351.
 - ◆ **05/12—05/14—Queen's Champion** at 2220 FM 466, Seguin, TX 78155
 - ◆ **05/26—05/28 Steppes Warlord** at 800 1st Monday Ln, Canton, Texas 75103

June 2017

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28	29 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice. Glaslyn Business Meeting	30 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	31	1	2	3
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- ◆ **Thursday 1, 7 PM—Kyngescreeke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library .
- ◆ **Thursday 8, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 15, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **06/17—Populace goes out** at Perth Street
- ◆ **06/10—King's College** at Greenville Ave. Allen Texas 750
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Known World Dance and Music Symposium** at 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093. Baltimore, Maryland
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Ansteorra Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 102 S McIver St, Madisonville, TX 77864-1913
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Bonwicke Artisans** at 135 E Twohig Ave, San Angelo, Texas 76903
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 501 E. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37915

Baronial Schedule, Come and Join Us!

Come join us at the following events. If we have enough people coming we will bring the Baronial Pavilion so we all have a place to gather. If it's a camping event we would love to have anyone interested camp near us so we have a Steppes Camp. Let's have a presence on the road in Ansteorra!

May

12-14 Queens Champion
19-21 Northkeep Castellan
26-28 Steppes Warlord

June

10 Kings College

July

7-9 Crown Tournament

August

19 Steppes Artisan
26 Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame

September

1-3 The Braggarts War
9 Laurels Prize
15-17 Triumphe of the Elipse
23 Elfsea Baronial College

October

6-8 Namron Protectorate
14 Coronation
27-29 Eldern Hills Samhain

November

11 Queen's Champion
17-19 War of the Rams

December

2 Dragonfire Tor's Yule

Peter and Sarah
Baron and Baroness

Steppes Populace Events for 2017

- ◆ Saturday 03/25: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas TX 75201.
 - ◇ Music guild concert, mini demo and talk on inter-library loan
- ◆ Sunday 04/30: Populace in the Park.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 05/24: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Spring Creek Bar B Que
- ◆ Saturday 06/17: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ Perth Street tour and Shopping
- ◆ Sunday 07/30: Populace in the Park.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 08/30: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Zorba's Greek Café 1501 Preston Rd. Plano
- ◆ Sunday 09/10: Populace goes out.
 - ◇ Vetro Glassblowing studio Grapevine. (\$3.00 charge per person)
 - ◇ *Date is subject to change!*
- ◆ Sunday 10/29: Populace in the Park with Archery!.
 - ◇ 2:00 PM at Westlake Sports Center 601 Gross Rd Mesquite.
 - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 11/29: Populace goes to Dinner.
 - ◇ Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet 180 W. Campbell Rd Richardson
- ◆ December: Christmas Party

Please note that all items are subject to change. They have been added to the Steppes calendar so please check it out for any changes.

Opportunities

Steppes Business Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month - 7 PM until 9 PM

Is held in the Community room of the Half Price book Flagship Store and open to the Populace! If you have topic to discuss and you are not able to come, please send them to our Senechal to update the Agenda. Officers, the same goes for you.

The Financial Committee Meeting is after Business meeting

A&S Nights

2nd Thursday of the month - 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX 75040-3267 This is on Beltline, at N Garland Rd.

You will see a large sign for a car wash. Parking is behind the church. This is a monthly meeting, held the second Thursday of each month, for sharing in our interests in the arts and sciences. There are several tables, so bring a project if you have something you want to work on.

Early Instrumental Music Guild Meeting: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas. Doors open at 1:30 PM, come early if you need to tune up your instruments. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Early Vocal Music Guild Meeting: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 North Roberts in Cedar Hill. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Scribal and Illumination Meeting: 4th Thursday of the month—6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Hosted my Mistress Honour du bois. Every Scribal night will have open charter painting for those who wish to paint our awesome charters as well as some structured classes ranging from beginning to advance techniques as well as original scroll work. We will be planning and working on scrolls for our baronial events too, so bring your ideas.

Chivalric Fighter Practice

Steppes fighter practice is open to all. New fighters welcome! The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available, and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Chivalric or Heavy Fighting.

Practice are currently held on Tuesday at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244, along with the Rapier practices.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244

Monitor the Steppes Rapier Practice facebook page for info and site clarifications. New fighters are always welcome. The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Rapier or Light Fighting.

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Sundays 2:00 pm

Steppes archery practices are held on the first and third Sundays of the month, 2PM at the Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road in Mesquite 75149

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Mondays 6:45pm – 10:00pm (Except Christmas Eve and New Years Eve)

North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX

Directions: From I-35 E in Denton, Texas exit University Drive (Hwy 380). Go east on University Dr. Go north on Bonnie Brae St. Go east on Windsor Dr. Just past the baseball fields, turn left (north) into the parking lot. Continue around as if you are going to the soccer fields. Practice is in front of the basketball court on your right, soccer fields on your left.

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Populace Meeting in on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. At Kaufman County Library .

Other Places to Find Great Things

There are many sites on the Web and Facebook for SCA interests. Below are a few. This is in no way an endorsement for any of the groups listed, or a final list. It is just a way to direct people to groups that they might not know about, that may be of interest.

Web:

sca.org

ansteorra.org

steppes.ansteorra.org

calendar.ansteorra.org

hospitaler.ansteorra.org

heraldry.ansteorra.org/honors (Awards)

ansteorra.org/links

Facebook:

Barony of the Steppes

Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)- <https://www.facebook.com/currentmiddleages>

The official Facebook page for the SCA.

Legion of Swashbucklers: This group is open to all rapier fighters

Steppes Cooks: This group is for those interested in cooking

Steppes Calligraphers and Illuminators Guild

Canvas Castle Showcase- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471086229603006/>

Canvas Castle Showcase: Show off your tent, camping furniture, or anything that makes your camping experience more homey

Elizabethan Costume- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/29374273995/>

For those people fascinated with the clothing, accessories, hairstyles, cosmetics, etc. of the 16th century. Although the name says "Elizabethan," anything from the Tudor period (1485-1603) is fair game for discussion.

Garb For Sale - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/130311470376509/>

For selling clothing, camping equipment, feast gear, period books and services

SCA Runway - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/460750480615188/?ref=ts&fref=tsA>

Place for showing off SCA fashion.

Tudor Conversations- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TudorWorld/>

An on-going conversation among like-minded enthusiasts of the 16th century exploring the world of the Tudors, with occasional excursions among the early Stuarts

Viking Clothing <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279611679205/>

For all clothes Viking!

Vikings of the SCA - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/244158265607631/>

Group for those interested in all things "Viking" related in the SCA.

SCA Equestrian - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34623283817/>

For those interested in Equestrian Arts in the SCA

SCA Garb - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/scagarb/>

A group for discussion of researching and making all types of garb for the SCA

Offices Open for Bids

Local Offices:

The current local offices are open for application. Please send a copy of your application to the current officer, Seneschal, and the Baroness. Applications can be downloaded from the [Kingdom website](#).

Office	Closing Date
Minister of Children	Until filled
Seneschal Deputy	N/A
Chronicler Deputy	N/A

Kingdom and Society Offices:

The following Kingdom and Society offices are open for bids. Please contact the officer for questions concerning application information. Applications for Kingdom offices can be downloaded from the [Ansteorra Website](#).

Office	Closing Date
Kingdom Exchequer	June 1st
North Region Hospitaler	May 15th
Waiver Secretary	May 15th

Autocrats Needed

Event bits:

The current event bids are open for application. Please send a copy of your bid and budget to the Seneschal, and the Baroness.

Event	Closing Date
Steppes 12th Night 2018	Until Filled

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